

NEW SECTION

**WAC 388-434-0015 Extension of certification periods and waiver of eligibility reviews and mid-certification reviews during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

(1) Recertification requirements for food assistance under WAC 388-434-0010 are waived in the months listed below and your certification period will automatically be extended as follows:

(a) Certification periods ending in November 2020 and December 2020 will be automatically extended by two months.

(b) Certification periods ending in January 2021 and February 2021 will be automatically extended by four months, if not previously extended.

(2) Eligibility review requirements for cash assistance under WAC 388-434-0005 are waived as follows:

(a) All eligibility reviews due in November 2020 and December 2020.

(b) Eligibility reviews, not already extended, due in January 2021 and February 2021.

(3) If your cash assistance eligibility review is waived under subsection (2) of this section, the following programs are included:

(a) Temporary assistance for needy families;

(b) State family assistance;

(c) Aged, blind or disabled cash assistance; and

(d) Housing and essential needs referral.

(4) If your working family support certification period ends under WAC 388-493-0010, your certification period will be extended as described in subsection (1) of this section.

(5) Mid-certification review requirements for cash and food assistance under WAC 388-418-0011 are waived from November 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

(6) You are still required to report changes under WAC 388-418-0005.

(7) The department will review and act upon any new information we receive from you during this time under WAC 388-418-0020.